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SUBJECT: PHNOM PENH SCHOOLS REOPEN

1. THE GKR MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ANNOUNCED OVER THE NATIONAL RADIO DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF MARCH 5 THAT ALL SCHOOLS WOULD REOPEN THE FOLLOWING DAY. A SURVEY OF A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THIS MORNING REVEALS THAT MANY HAVE INDEED RESUMED CLASSES ALTHOUGH OTHERS, INCLUDING SOME STILL HOUSING REFUGEES, HAVE NOT, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE SHORT NOTICE GIVEN.

2. THE QUESTION FACING THE GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME IS WHETHER THE TEACHERS WILL REMAIN AT THEIR JOBS. THE MODERATE HEAD OF THE KHMER NATIONAL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (KTA) MAI LON INFORMS US THAT THERE IS TO BE A MEETING OF HIS ORGANIZATION'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON MARCH 8 AT WHICH HE WILL PROPOSE THAT TEACHERS RESUME A FULL WORKING SCHEDULE TO PERMIT THE GKR TO PROVE ITS GOOD FAITH OR UNTIL A NATIONWIDE TEACHERS CONFERENCE CAN BE ORGANIZED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM. MAI LON WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE KTA HAS NO REAL CONFIDENTIAL

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AUTHORITY OVER THE MORE MILITANT PHNOM PENH SECONDARY

## AND PRIMARY TEACHERS STRIKE COMMITTEES.

3. THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRIMARY TEACHERS STRIKE COMMITTEE KOSAL DE MONTEIRO TOLD US AFTER A MEETING OF HIS GROUP THIS MORNING THAT THEY WOULD STICK TO THEIR DECISION TO WORK ONLY TEN DAYS PER MONTH. SINCE THEY SPECIFIED THAT THESE WOULD BE THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF EACH MONTH, THEY PLAN TO LEAVE THEIR CLASSES ON MARCH 11 (AFTER ONLY FIVE DAYS OF WORK IN MARCH). WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECONDARY TEACHERS STRIKE COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND A FULL WORK SCHEDULE. ENDERS

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